

9 FAM 41.41 Exhibit I

DOCUMENTS AUTHORIZING ALIEN CREWMEN TO RETURN TO COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY

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The following documents are considered to meet the passport requirements of the INA if valid when presented by a crewman entering the United States on a vessel on which the crewman is employed or on which he or she is a passenger if the crewman is coming to join a vessel on which he or she is to be employed.

AFGHANISTAN

Regular passport is valid for 1 year.

ARGENTINA

Seaman Document (Libreta de Embarco) is valid as long as the bearer remains employed as a crewman.

AUSTRALIA

Identity Card is valid indefinitely unless a validity date is shown.

AUSTRIA

Regular passport must be valid and may be renewed.

BANGLADESH

Continuous Certificate of Discharge is issued by the Ministry of Shipping and Aviation and is valid until the seaman reaches age 60.

BARBADOS

Seamen's Certificate of Nationality and Identity is valid for return of bearer to Barbados, without regard to expiration date, and is also valid for return where similar certificate was issued by other unit governments of The West Indies when holders were recruited in Barbados.

BELGIUM

Seaman's Book or Declaration of Identity (the declaration being authorized in an emergency) is issued to a Belgian crewman on board a Belgian vessel and is valid indefinitely. Passport is issued to a Belgian crewman on a vessel flying a flag other than that of Belgium.

BOLIVIA

Passport must be valid and may be renewed within the time specified on the individual passport.

BRAZIL

Seaman's Book (Caderneta - Matricula) is valid for a period of 6 months beyond indicated expiration date.

CANADA

Seaman's Identity Certificate is valid indefinitely when issued to a Canadian citizen by birth; for 5 years when issued to a naturalized Canadian citizen; and for 1 year when issued to a British subject who is a landed immigrant.

CHILE

Identity Card (Carnet de Identidad) is valid indefinitely.

COLOMBIA

Seaman's Identity Card or any other "special" document is valid indefinitely.

COSTA RICA

Passport is valid for 1 year and may be revalidated for a similar period.

COTE D'IVOIRE

Livret Professionel Maritime is valid indefinitely and is the equivalent of an Ivorian passport and/or an identity card.

CUBA

Seaman document (Carnet de Mar) is issued by the Cuban Department of State and is valid indefinitely. Passport, issued by the Cuban Department of State, is valid for 5 years and may be revalidated yearly for an additional 3 years. The holder of such a passport will be able to return to that country even if his or her passport has expired. However, a passport issued by a Cuban diplomatic or consular office, which is valid for 1 year, will not enable the holder to return to Cuba if such a passport is expired. A Cuban diplomatic or consular office may issue a passport at any time if the passport applicant is registered as a Cuban citizen. [See 9 FAM PART IV Appendix A.]

DENMARK

Passport is valid for 10 years.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Passport or "Carnet de Gente de Mar" (Identity Card). Identity card is valid indefinitely. The ability to return is not affected with either document.

ECUADOR

Passport or Seaman's Identity Card (Identity Carnet). The regular passport is valid for 2 years and may be renewed for two additional periods of 2 years each. The seaman's identity card is valid for 1 year and may be renewed once for an additional year. When no date of issuance is shown on the identity card, it is valid indefinitely.

EGYPT

Seaman's Ticket is valid as long as bearer remains employed as a crewman.

EL SALVADOR

Passport is valid for 5 years and may be renewed for an additional 5 years.

ESTONIA

Passport is valid if issued by a diplomatic or consular representative of the last independent government of Estonia.

ETHIOPIA

Passport, Travel Certificate, or Identity Card is valid for return to Ethiopia irrespective of validity date.

FINLAND

Passport, Certificate of Nationality, or License to Obtain Passport. The passport is issued by Finnish passport officials; the certificate of nationality by a Finnish legation or consulate; and the license to obtain a passport, which document is furnished in an emergency because of inability to obtain any other document, by Finnish police officials. Each document bears an expiration date.

FRANCE

Passport or Professional Seaman's Booklet. Only the passport must be valid.

GERMANY (FRG)

Passport, Seaman Book, or Sailor's Registration Book (Seefahrtsbuch). These documents must be valid.

GHANA

Seaman's Certificate of Nationality and Identity is valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issuance.

GREECE

Seaman Booklet or Apprentice Seaman Book is valid indefinitely.

GUATEMALA

Passport, containing a "crewman visa," is valid for 2 years and cannot be revalidated.

HAITI

Seaman Booklet of Nationality and Identity, which is issued in lieu of a passport, is valid for 5 years.

HONDURAS

Passport is valid for 1 year and may be renewed for an additional year.

HONG KONG

Seaman's Discharge Book, when validly visaed by a British visa officer, will enable its bearer to return to Hong Kong. Seaman's Identity Book issued by the Hong Kong Government to crewmen born in China meets the definition of passport and is valid for return to Hong Kong for a period of 12 months beyond the expiration date.

ICELAND

Passport bears an expiration date.

ICAO

Crew member certificate is issued to alien crewmen who will arrive in the United States on an aircraft. This certificate is issued in the form of an individual airman's license by a government official of a country which is a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

INDIA

Indian passport is required for visa issuance. Issuance of visas in the Indian Continuous Certificate of Discharge (CDC) book has been discontinued.

INDONESIA

Passport or Certificate in Lieu of a Passport generally bears a validity date. If the validity date has passed or is not mentioned, the documents are invalid for return to Indonesia.

IRAN

Crewman's Passport is valid as long as the holder remains a crewman.
[See 9 FAM Appendix A.]

IRAQ

Seaman's Book is valid for 4 years from the date of issuance and can be extended once, provided that the period of extension does not exceed 4 years. [See 9 FAM Appendix A.]

IRELAND

Passport or Seaman's Identity Card. The passport bears an expiration date. The seaman's identity card is valid indefinitely. The ability to return is not affected with either document.

ISRAEL

Seaman's Book is valid indefinitely unless a validity date is shown.

ITALY

Seaman's Navigation Book (Libretto di immatricolazione) is valid indefinitely unless the bearer has not shipped out during a period of at least 5 years. In any event, the ability to return is not affected, provided it shows his or her birth in Italy, that he or she is an Italian national, and that he or she speaks the Italian language.

JAMAICA

Seaman's Certificate of Nationality and Identity is valid for so long as the holder remains in seagoing employment.

JAPAN

Seaman's Book is valid for 10 years and can be renewed at the time of expiration. However, if a Seaman's Book expires while the bearer is outside Japan, it is considered valid until his or her return to Japan. A Seaman's Book is the only document required for seamen who join a ship in Japan. National Passport. Seamen who join a ship outside Japan must first obtain a Japanese passport. A passport held by a Japanese seaman abroad is considered valid until he or she returns to Japan.

KOREA

Certificate of Identity issued by the Bureau of Marine Transportation, Ministry of Transportation, is valid indefinitely.

LATVIA

Passport is valid if issued by a diplomatic or consular representative of the last independent government of Latvia.

LEBANON

Seaman's Identity Card is valid for 1 year and may be renewed.

LIBERIA

Identity Card or other document is valid indefinitely, unless a validity date is shown.

LITHUANIA

Passport is valid if issued by a diplomatic or consular representative of the last independent government of Lithuania.

LUXEMBOURG

Identity Card is valid for 5 years. Other special documents are also valid for 5 years.

MEXICO

Mexican Crewman's Identification Document issued only to seamen of Mexican nationality. Document valid indefinitely unless the crewman remains out of Mexico for a period longer than 6 months without duty in the National Merchant Marine.

NETHERLANDS

Seaman's Book (Monsterboekje) is valid indefinitely.

NEW ZEALAND

Seaman's Identity Card is valid so long as the bearer remains employed as a crewman. The ability to return is not affected even if, after admission, the crewman abandons his or her calling as a crewman, provided he or she has not been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence.

NORWAY

Passport or Seaman's Certificate of Identity. The passport bears an expiration date. The seaman's certificate of identity is sometimes given a specific period of validity. In either case, the ability to return is not affected.

PAKISTAN

Pakistani Continuous Certificate of Discharge (commonly called "Nully") is valid indefinitely as long as the bearer remains a crewman.

PANAMA

Passport is valid for 2 years and may be renewed.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Crewman's Employment Record Book is a black vinyl passport-sized book issued by the Department of Transport Marine Division with indefinite validity. The bearer should also be in possession of a valid credit card-sized Crewman's Identity Card which is valid for 5 years.

PERU

Seaman's Identity Card (Libret de Embarque, Marina Mercante Nacional) is valid indefinitely unless a validity date is shown.

PHILIPPINES

Identity Card or Seaman's Certificate (P.B. Form No. 50) is valid indefinitely.

POLAND

Seaman's Book is valid indefinitely. [See 9 FAM-PART IV Appendix A.]

PORTUGAL

Seaman's Booklet (Cedulas Maritimas) is issued solely to Portuguese crewmen and is valid indefinitely and unconditionally for return of its bearer to Portugal.

SINGAPORE

Passport is required for Singapore citizen seamen and is valid for 5 years. Seaman's Identity Book (Green) is issued to stateless Singapore permanent resident alien seamen. It is initially valid for 1 year and may be renewed.

SOUTH AFRICA

Certificate of Identity and Nationality is valid for a maximum period of 5 years.

SPAIN

Maritime Booklet (Libreta de Inscripcion Maritima), identity card and other "special" documents which are issued to crewmen of Spanish nationality who are members of the crew of Spanish vessels are valid indefinitely, unless a validity date is shown.

SWEDEN

Passport or Seaman's Passport bear expiration dates; however, the ability to return is not affected.

SWITZERLAND

Passport bears an expiration date.

TAIWAN

Regular passport or Seaman's passport, endorsed subsequent to January 31, 1957 for reentry to Taiwan, is valid for holder's return to Taiwan during its validity. Crew Member Certificate issued at Taipei by the Director of Civil Aeronautics Administration is valid for reentry into Taiwan at any time so long as the bearer continues in the employ of a Taiwan civil air organization as a flight worker.

TURKEY

Seaman's Certificate is valid indefinitely, unless a validity date is shown.

UNITED KINGDOM AND COLONIES

British Seaman's Card is red in color and is issued by the United Kingdom to seamen born in the United Kingdom and seamen born elsewhere in the British Commonwealth if they have permanent right of abode in the United Kingdom. It is valid initially for 5 years and may be revalidated once before a new card must be issued. Colonial Seaman's Certificate of Nationality and Identity is issued only by a colony on and after March 1, 1952, is valid for 5 years, will enable the holder to return to the issuing colony, and may be extended for a period not to exceed 5 years.

URUGUAY

Special document is valid indefinitely.

VENEZUELA

Passport or Seaman's Identity Card. The identity card, which is sometimes issued in lieu of a passport, is valid for the duration of the holder's employment, unless a validity date is shown.

YUGOSLAVIA

Seaman Book (Pomorska Knjizica), if issued by the Communist government of Yugoslavia to a Yugoslav crewman, is valid indefinitely. Such a document issued by the former Royal Yugoslav Government shall not be honored. The consular officer shall forward a report to the Department regarding any passport or other travel document issued to a Yugoslav crewman national who has not acquired any other nationality, by any purported Yugoslav issuing authority other than by a recognized representative of the Yugoslav Government. [See 9 FAM PART IV Appendix A.]